

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the ink cartridge 7 has a cartridge main body 41 in which an ink absorber 42 is contained. The ink absorber 42 absorbs a color ink (for example, a yellow, a magenta, a cyan or a black ink). The ink is the inkjet ink of the present invention. The cartridge main body 41 has a ~~container~~ case 43 having a large opening on an upper part thereof and a top cover 44 which is adhered on the ~~container~~ case 43 using an adhesive or by welding. The main body 41 is made of, for example, a resin (a mold of resin). The ink absorber 42 is formed of a porous material such as urethane foams. Such a porous material is contained in the cartridge main body 41 upon application of pressure and then an ink is injected into the porous material such that the porous material absorbs the ink.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A film seal 55 having a high oxygen permeability is adhered on the air opening 47 to seal the air opening 47 as illustrated in Fig. 2. The film seal 55 seals not only the air opening 47 but also plural grooves 48 formed in the vicinity of the air opening ~~47~~ 55. By sealing the air opening 47 with a film seal 55 having a high oxygen permeability, the ink can be effectively deaerated when the cartridge 7 is wrapped under a reduced pressure even when air is dissolved in the ink when the ink is filled in the cartridge or air present in a space A (as shown in Fig. 3) formed between the ink absorber 42 and the cartridge main body 41 is dissolved in the ink. Namely, when such a sealed ink cartridge is wrapped with a packaging material which hardly transmit air, such as films laminated with aluminum, under a reduced

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pressure, the air dissolved in the ink can be discharged to the space formed between the cartridge main body 41 and the wrapping material.